

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
March 24, 2008**

Commissioner Hawley opened the meeting.

SMOKING ORDINANCE

Mr. Wilson asked if there has been any discussion on when the Board will pass the Smoking ordinance. Commissioner Hawley said there has been none.

PROPERTY LINE FENCE DISPUTE

Jim Lehman from Butler Township told the Board that land he leases to Jim Smith has an issue that he is bringing to them for direction. Mr. Smith has cattle grazing on his property. The field that the cows need to be moved to has part of a fence but the neighbor has not replaced his part of the fence. The neighbor is Mr. Lester. After some discussion the Board said they would get the County attorney to review the issue.

CLERK COST ALLOCATION PRESENTATION

Debbie Walker, Clerk of the Courts presented two companies to the Board for consideration. Charles Melanowski Consulting Inc presented his plan and Maximus International Corp. representative Glen Eschenbacher presented their plan.

Mr. Melanowski said the idea is to go back two years and revise the claims and submit to the state for reimbursement. Mr. Melonowski has 14 counties in Indiana.

Maximus representative Jeff Dossett told the Board that the cost allocation plan is the same as Mr. Melanowski's but their cost is less and they have served this county in recovering funds in the amount of over \$250,000 from a cost allocation plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to take this under advisement. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

The two companies were advised that they should come back on April 14, 2008 for the Board's decision.

NORTH BROADWAY PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF PERU

Mayor Jim Walker and Keith Blanton from RQAW explained the project to the Commissioners. Their plans are to expand the street to a 4 lane from highway 24 clear through town. The County has a bridge on that stretch of road. Mr. Blanton explained that they recommend the same style of structure to expand the current bridge. The cost is \$402,000. The Grant is a Federal Project and it is an 80/20 match. Construction could begin as early as 2010. It was determined that the funding would be from the CEDIT fund.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER ISSUES

The Board and Mr. Einselen discussed the savings to the County by him doing the road borings for the project. Commissioner Boyer moved to go to Council for this funding. Commissioner Hawley brought to the Board's attention

that the process established is to give this information to MCEDA and the project would be added to the Capitol Improvement Plan then brought to the Council for appropriation. Commissioner Hawley will give the information to Jim Tidd for MCEDA action. The bridge is #162 of the County's inventory.

REPORT ON BUSINESS 31 SOUTH PROJECT

Commissioner Deeds and Ken Einselen met with Structure Pointe concerning the Business 31 South project from Stroupe Hill down to the Kelly Avenue Bridge. Ken Einselen said he found recordings from the 1960's of easements for that stretch of roadway from 1926. Commissioner Deeds moved that Mr. Einselen give the County Attorney the information to review for an opinion. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley. The motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Boyer was out of the room for this vote.

SYCAMORE TREES

Commissioner Hawley told the Board that there are 10 or less trees that are questionable in the Business 31 South project. He commented that the County is trying to save as many as possible but there are 2 trees that absolutely are a problem and will have to be cut down. He said there are safety issues with the new standards of highway construction. The Board also discussed the State (INDOT) changing the standards for highway borings. Ken Einselen will ask for a waiver for Miami County since we did our borings prior to the change in the statute.

Mr. Einselen also said in his research he found that in the 1920's and 30's there was a movement to plant trees along highways in remembrance of those who died in WW1. He did not find where Business 31 was ever part of that project.

SHERIFF ROLAND

Sheriff Roland brought a list of jail repairs to the Board. The Sheriff also introduced the representative of the Professional Health Services to discuss the contract the Board had signed. The representative promotes a multi year contract to avoid a jump in fees. Commissioner Hawley said the language of the contract is not clear and was assured the language will be changed prior to the Board signing another one.

Commissioner Deeds moves to have the contract with the 3% increase to take effect on May 1st. It was noted that the Sheriff said they have been very pleased with the service provided by HPL and he feels they have saved a lot of money using this service.

MINUTES

Commissioner Deeds moved to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 2-0. Commissioner Hawley abstained because he was absent at last weeks meeting.

IDEM PERMIT

The Board received a permit from IDEM for the Miami County Jail.

CLOCKS

The Board discussed the contract with the Verdin Company and the clocks. It was noted the additional cost was for the lighting of the clocks and dome area.

HEALTH COORIDINATOR

Ken Scott asked if anyone on the Board would be attending the District 3 exercise on April 14, 2008. The meeting is at the EMA facility and runs from 9:00 am until noon. It was stated that the Board meets at the same time and no one would be able to attend.

Mr. Scott also said the CDC money for deliverables will end on August 9, 2008.

CCI/Strom Group

The Board received the check for the called in bond for the Strom Group. This is to be entered into the jail fund for the project.

HIGHWAY ISSUES

Sam Waltz told the Board he is looking at April 14, 2008 to set for bid hot mix and sealing oil. The award date would be April 21, 2008. Commissioner Deeds moves to allow Mr. Waltz to advertise those dates. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

The Board and Mr. Waltz discussed the City of Peru's project on North Broadway and the county bridge that will be included.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

David Grund was given information concerning the property dispute in Butler Township to review.

Mr. Grund was also given the information concerning the right of way issue with regards to the timeframe between the easements being signed, the project being done and the documents being recorded.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd told the Board that he has applied for a grant and MCEDA is entering into an agreement with the State to finish the Discount Tire improvements. This is road construction to the area. The cost for the project is \$96,500. The Commissioners stated they are in favor of an inter-local agreement.

Jim also told the Board that the Air Force has approved a waiver for a fuel farm for Montgomery Aviation. This is a 5 year lease and the business is doing very well.

Mr. Tidd also asked Commissioner Boyer if anyone has been approached in southern Miami County about a wind farm. No one has that he knows of. His farm is not in an area that would support such a venture but he feels it is a good thing for this county to look into.

Mr. Tidd was also informed of the North Broadway project and asked him to contact Mayor Walker for the information needed to move forward on this.

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Farag informed the Board that Jo Estes has resigned from the Health Board.

Dr. Farag also said the Health Coordinator contract is ready according to Ken Scott. If she completes her work the County should be getting some money from the deliverables. It was agreed that Commissioner Hawley will sign the contract with the Health Coordinator when ready. The document will be reviewed and signed by the person working on the deliverables and in two weeks it should be ready for the Board to sign.

VERDIN CLOCK COMPANY

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to sign the agreement. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. Commissioner Boyer was absent for this vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

Adjourned

THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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GARY D. HAWLEY

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